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**DR. ROBERT M. KEENAN INDICTED FOR  
UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE OF DRUGS**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today a federal grand jury indicted Dr. Robert M. Keenan, age 45, of Baltimore, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with conspiracy to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine ("MDMA"), unlawful manufacturing of Phentermine Hydrochloride ("Hcl") and manufacturing Phentermine Hcl at an unregistered facility. Also indicted was Gerard G. Galvez, age 37, of Baltimore, Maryland for conspiracy to manufacture MDMA.

Count one of the three count indictment charges that Keenan and Galvez conspired to unlawfully manufacture over 10 kilograms of MDMA, otherwise known a "ecstasy", a schedule I controlled substance. In counts two and three, Keenan is charged with unlawfully manufacturing and possession with intent to unlawfully manufacture Phentermine HCl, a schedule IV controlled substance, and repackaging drug packages at an unregistered facility.

The allegations contained within the indictment arose on January 23, 2004 after the execution of several search warrants in Baltimore City and County, including Keenan's Fells Point condominium and Elite Weight Management Center operated by Keenan in Towson, Maryland.

Keenan and Galvez were arrested on the day the warrants were executed at the Fells Point condominium and were awaiting trial at the time of the indictment on state charges arising from the manufacture of ecstasy and Phentermine HCl.

The defendants are in custody and Keenan is scheduled for his initial appearance today at 3:00 before United States Magistrate Judge James K. Bredar.

Keenan and Galvez face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison under count one and a 1 million dollar fine. Keenan faces a maximum sentence of 3 years in prison and a \$ 250,000 fine under count two and a maximum sentence of 3 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine under count three.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of a joint investigation by the Baltimore Police Department, the United States Food and Drug Administration - Office of Criminal Investigations, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Philip S. Jackson and George L. Russell, III.